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## THE TWO DESERTS.

Not greatly different with each other.  
Five thousand furlongs beyond our own,  
The best that's known,  
Of the heavenly bodies does them credit small.  
Very slow, the Moon's full ball.  
I'm obliged to wait,  
A narrow, tight highway, hard, fire-scared, severe.  
And now they find,  
That the sun is plainly seen to be and but  
Too hotly for hell,  
So judging from these two,  
The Universe outside our living Earth.  
Was all created in the Creator's earth,  
Foretelling of the man's split sleep.  
To make shift sleep,  
But by the deepest sleep,  
What we are to do may see.  
Striketh awfully in the bush'd midnight,  
The ghost of their sternity.  
Give me the noblest class that meets to the eye.  
The things which here lie in,  
The Service of your soul's health,  
In the mind's well-being,  
A torment of infinite trials.  
Those at least do live.  
But rather give,  
A mind not touch to try,  
Without whose marks of small and great.  
Wander and hasten over our countries are  
Proud to call our own,  
And out of obvious ways.  
Ne'er wandering far.

## C. P. - Fall Mail Gazette.

## THE DOCKS FOR SALE; OR, THE YANKEE'S MISTAKE.

"But what are they for?" I asked.

I was standing on the deck of the fine iron ship, the *Craigie-harbour*, lying in the middle of the stream opposite Sanconbe, and only waiting for her captain and some part of her crew to come off to start on her first voyage to Calcutta. It was indeed, a fine voyage for both of us; for I, then a lad twenty-two, was being shipped out by some benevolent relatives to see if I should swim in the mercantile world of the East.

The ship was laden with salt. I was laden with a great deal of excellent advice, and he means a proportionate amount of cash.

"What they for?" I asked again. I leaned over the bulwarks gazing at the large white figures painted along the whole length of the dock wall. My companion was the ship's carpenter; a quiet, good-natured fellow, whose age it would have been difficult to guess, and who, though naturally humourous, had added no inconsiderable knowledge of the world.

"Por?" said he, "what ever do they look as if they was for?"

"I don't know," I replied scowling timidly, and a little afraid of exposing my ignorance of something I ought to know.

"They figures?" says he. "Ay, ay, ay, them figures!" says the Yankee.

"We was just getting about opposite where we're lying now, and so Job points to the Birkenhead docks youler.

"Dye see them?" he says.

"Yes, stranger," says the Yankee, "I reckon I do."

"Well," says Job, "yer see they're making them new docks at Birkenhead, and so they won't be wanting the docks at Liverpool any longer."

"And whall they do with them, stranger?" says the Yankee.

"Sal'men!" says Job, looking him in the face as grave as a judge, though I and one or two others who was by, listening like water to spit, "sell'em," says he, "and there's the numbers of the lots painted up all ready."

"And then he just turned and left him."

"Well, blessed if the Yankee didn't swallow the whole whale, just whole, just like a shark taking down a bit of fresh pork. Lord, ye' wouldn't have believed it, and him all the way home boasting yer of his Yankeeuteness. He had off his pocket-book and pencil in a twinkling, taking down the numbers, and a costing calculations, all the time was getting up to our moorings in the flyway. He was quiet enough now, though he was still looking over his shoulder, as if he might give you, yet know."

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